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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF NORTHERN WALKOUT FROM CA OVER SHARIA

1. FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL IN APRIL 8 NORTHERN EDITION OF NEW NIGERIAN CALLS FOR "STATESMANSHIP" AND, AFTER NOTING THAT BOTH MOSLEM AND NON-MOSLEM CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY (CA) MEMBERS HAVE SHOWN SOME SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE, SETS FORTH CASE OF NORTH FOR SHARIA DIVISION OF FEDERAL APPEALS COURT RATHER THAN CA FORMULA OF THREE JUDGE PANEL "VERSED IN ISLAMIC LAW." EDITORIAL CONCLUDES WITH CALL FOR CONTINUATION OF "EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE MATTER TO SATISFACTION OF ALL SECTIONS OF NIGERIAN COMMUNITY" AND STATES THAT CA SHOULD NOT CONSIDER MATTER CLOSED.

2. NORTHERN EDITION OF DAILY TIMES THUS FAR HAS CONFINED ITSELF TO (VERY LIMITED) STRAIGHT REPORTING OF CA DECISION ON SHARIA AND HAS BARELY MENTIONED NORTHERN WALKOUT.

3. HERALD REPORTED BOTH CA DECISION AND WALKOUT IN FRONT PAGE NEWS ARTICLES ON APRIL 7. STANDARD DID SAME.

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